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**ACRONYMS**

ARC	American Red Cross
AAR	After Action Report
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COG	Continuity of government
COOP	Continuity of operations
COVEOP	Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan
DSCO	Deputy State Coordinating Officer
DSCA	Defense Support of Civil Authorities
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DRC	Disaster Recovery Center
EAS	Emergency Alert System
ECO	Emergency Coordination Officer
EMAC	Emergency Management Assistance Compact
EMAP	Emergency Management Accreditation Program
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ERT-A	Emergency Response Team – Advance Element
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FEMA <sup>1</sup>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan
GAC	Government Assistance Coordination
GAR	Governor’s Authorized Representative
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
HMO	Hazardous Materials Officer
HSAS	Homeland Security Advisory System
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
IAP	Incident Action Plan
ICS	Incident Command System
IDA	Initial damage assessment
IHP	Individuals and Households Program
IFLOWS	Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System
JFO	Joint Field Office
JIC	Joint Information Center
JOC	Joint Operations Center
NAWAS	National Warning System

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<sup>1</sup> “FEMA Acronyms, Abbreviations and Terms – A Capability Assurance Job Aid” is a 153 page handbook available from FEMA Publications or from the web. The “FAAT” book is revised regularly.

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NCR	National Capital Region
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NWS	National Weather Service
NRP	National Response Plan
ONA	Other Needs Assistance
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment
PFO	Principal Federal Official
PA	Public Assistance Program
PIO	Public Information Officer
RICS	Regional Information Coordination System
SAR	Search and Rescue
SCO	State Coordinating Officer
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Area
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
USAR	Urban Search and Rescue
VECTOR	Virginia Evacuation Coordination Team for Operational Response
VERT	Virginia Emergency Response Team
VERTEX	Virginia Emergency Response Team Exercise
VOPEX	Virginia Operations Plan Exercise
VPIC	Virginia Public Inquiry Center
VOAD	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
WAWAS	Washington Area Warning System